

REMARKS

Claims 6-13, 19-22, 25-34, 36-45, 47-52, 57-64, 70-77, 83-86, 89-98, 100-109, and 111-115 are pending in the application. Claims 7, 20, 30, 36, 71, 84, 94 and 100 have been amended. Claims 1, 14, 24, 65, 78 and 88 have been cancelled.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 14, 24, 65, 78, and 88 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Badcock. This rejection is moot, since these claims have been cancelled.

Claims 7, 9, 11, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40-41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 71, 73, 75, 77, 84, 86, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104-105, 107, 109, 111, 113, and 115 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 7, 20, 30, 36, 71, 84, 94 and 100 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of their base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 7, 20, 30, 36, 71, 84, 94 and 100 are patentable, as are claims 9, 11, 13, 22, 26, 28, 32, 34, 38, 40-41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 73, 75, 77, 86, 90, 92, 96, 98, 102, 104-105, 107, 109, 111, 113, and 115, which depend from claims 7, 20, 30, 36, 71, 84, 94 and 100, respectively.

Claims 6, 8, 10, 12, 21, 25, 27, 31, 33, 37, 39, 42, 44, 48, 50, 52, 57-64, 70, 72, 74, 76, 83, 85, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 101, 103, 106, 108, 112, and 114 have been allowed over the prior art record.

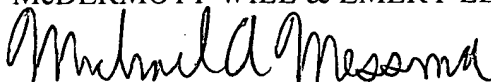
Accordingly, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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